

Smart Tips for Playing Slots

1. Don't chase losses

You could play a slot machine for an hour, and never win. Or you could win on your first play. Continuing to play when you've already lost your budgeted amount is a surefire way to spend more money.

2. Set your time and money limit before you start

Deciding how much money and time you want to spend before you play is a good way to keep the games fun and enjoyable. Pick a limit, and stick to it.

3. Be aware that wins are random

No matter what you do, the wins and losses are random. Changing bet amounts, or trying to time the 'spins', have no effect on their outcome. They are randomly generated by a program within the machine, and are not influenced by anything you do.

4. Take breaks

Stepping away from the machine for a break or a walk is a great way to collect your thoughts and decrease any anxiety or stress the game may be causing.

5. Never borrow money while you are gambling

Stick to a gambling budget. If you spend your budgeted amount, stop gambling.

6. Don't take more money with you than what you are prepared to spend

Setting a budget for what you will spend on gambling helps you control your spending. When you've spent your gambling budget, walk away.

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What you should know about playing Slots



*Slots are programmed
so that when you play,
over the long run, you
will lose more money
than you will win.*



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Slots can provide entertainment when you play for fun and manage your play. That means being informed on how slots work, and not spending more time or money than you can afford.

The Truth About Slots

There are many myths about how slot machines work, and how you can 'beat' the system to win more often. In reality, slots are like any other form of gambling, there is no way to impact the outcomes. The results are random.

MYTH:

If you leave a machine after playing for a while, the next player can steal your jackpot.

FACT:

There's no such thing as 'stealing' a jackpot. Slots randomly generate new numbers every millisecond (1,000th of a second). The number generated at the exact moment of play is the number that will determine a win or loss – it's not just sitting there waiting to be played. Each millisecond, the numbers are different.

MYTH:

Many people believe in hot and cold machines.

FACT:

There's no such thing as a hot or cold machine. Slots randomly generate numbers, so the wins and losses are completely unpredictable. A machine could randomly generate a few wins in a row that may look like the machine was on a winning streak. But in reality, it is just a coincidence. The past performance of a machine has nothing to do with the next play. Each millisecond your chances of winning or losing are exactly the same.

MYTH:

Some people think they can figure out a slot machine's pattern to develop a strategy to win.

FACT:

There is no way to influence or predict the outcome of a slot machine spin. There is no pattern to wins or losses because the numbers are randomly generated by a computer program. Even if you think you see a "pattern", it is not. Results that look like a pattern are a coincidence.

MYTH:

A slot machine is 'due' to payout if it hasn't paid out for an extended period of time.

FACT:

A slot machine is never 'due' to pay out. If a machine has not paid out in a long time, it could just as easily continue for longer or it could suddenly have a pay out. It's completely unpredictable.



How Slots Work

Slots are forms of electronic gaming machines. They are controlled by computer programs that randomly generate their numbers every millisecond. This means that at any point – whether you've been playing for 5 seconds or 2 hours – the outcome is the same.

Chances of Winning

Most slot machines are programmed so that, on average, you can expect to lose 8% of the money you bet over the long run. Because this is an average, some people will lose more, and some people will lose less, but there is no way to predict when you will lose or win.

Like any form of gambling, winning is random. Gambling always includes risk, so if you are playing for money, you risk losing it. And in the long run, you will spend more money than you will win.

